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Re: ACT/045/013

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Dear Mr. Tetting:

In response to your letter of May 5, 1981 and our telephone conversation of May 8, 1981, we are recommending contingency sediment control measures at Mercur. Note that we are committed to Rule M-10 (11) in that sediment will be adequately controlled for the site specific conditions. We believe that sediment control is not a key issue due to the following reasons:

- 1) During the last 100 years, mining and residential use of the area has left 127 acres disturbed.
- 2) The drainage out of Mercur Canyon is ephemeral and subject to flow only under extreme precipitation events.
- 3) Approximately 3.5 million tons of tailings from the Golden Gate Mill are piled in the canyon and have been a source of sediment since 1898.
- 4) Approximately 0.5 million tons of tailings from the Snyder Mines Mill were deliberately flushed down Mercur Canyon from 1937 to 1941.

Our sediment control strategy at the present time is that set out in our Mining and Reclamation Plan. If this design changes, we will amend the Plan accordingly. Should we begin millsite construction prior to installation of the sediment pond, we will control sediment by:

- 1) Reseeding fill slopes and cut-banks as soon as practicable after construction.





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- 2) Installation of disturbance perimeter sediment control via straw bale or fabric filter fences, temporary diversion ditches, small temporary check dams, and vegetation buffer zones. These controls will be installed during construction activities.

In the case that temporary sediment control measures are utilized, we will inform you office of same ahead of time for your comments.

We respect your cooperation and flexibility in the review of our application and look forward to future work with the Division.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian W. Buck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

BRIAN W. BUCK  
Environmental Coordinator

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